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Re: CT HB6743

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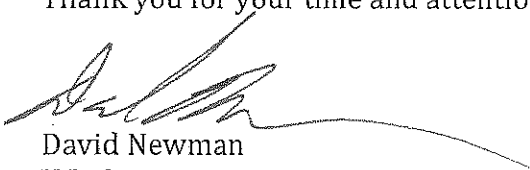
Dear Sen. Leone and Rep. Baram.

On behalf of Carolee, LLC. A Brooks Brothers Group company, located in Stamford, Connecticut, I am writing in support of the standards as contained in the Children's Jewelry Safety Standard (ASTM F-2923-14). Specifically, support for the cadmium guidelines as described in the Connecticut children's jewelry bill, HB 6743.

As a company with almost 150 employees in Stamford, we are very concerned about the international harmonization of regulations enabling us to ensure the safety of our products while employing the most efficient manufacturing quality control process.

Our company strongly supports safe standards for both adult and children's jewelry products. The requirements of HB 6743 are consistent with the research findings for cadmium jewelry conducted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The results of that research forms the basis of a newly proposed national consensus safety standard developed through a multi-stakeholder process under the auspices of ASTM International. The CPSC, along with consumer organizations and testing laboratories have been closely involved in the development of this standard. Accordingly, we favor nationally and internationally standards, consistent with the research and recommendations of the CPSC as reflected in the ASTM Children's Jewelry Safety Standards draft.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.



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